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SUBJ: MINISTRY OF HEALTH URGENT REQUEST FOR DATA FROM U.S.
STUDIES OF CEFALOSPORINA ANTIBIOTICS

FOR FDA

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEX FROM DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES, MINISTRY OF HEALTH QUOTE ITALIAN NEWSPAPER ARTICLES STATE THAT US RESEARCHERS HAVE UNCOVERED SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS IN VOLUNTEERS TREATED WITH ANTIBIOTICS BASED ON CEFALOSPORINA. IN PARTICULAR, INTRAVENOUS ADMINISTRATION OF LARGE DOSES OF CEFAPIRINA IN SOME SUBJECTS AND OF CEFALOTINA IN OTHERS HAVE CAUSED VARIOUS REACTIONS IN ALL CASES. IN VIEW OF GREAT INTEREST RESULTING FROM THESE PRESS NOTICES AND CONSIDERING THE WIDE USE IN ITALY OF THIS ANTIBIOTIC, REQUEST EMBASSY OBTAIN PRECISE INFORMATION FROM THE COMPETENT FDA AUTHORITIES IN THE USA REGARDING THE STUDY MADE BY CITED RESEARCHERS, NEGATIVE RESULTS UNCOVERED AND ANY MEASURES ADOPTED BY US AUTHORITIES FOR OUR INFORMATION. INFORMATION REQUESTED WITH GREATEST URGENCY UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY HAS ADVISED MINISTRY OF HEALTH THAT CABLE BEING SENT WASHINGTON AS REQUESTED.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.BAUDRY

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